

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-8, 11, 12, 14-16, 18-22, and 25 are allowable.

The Office Action at page 2, item 1, objects to the title as not descriptive. Accordingly, the title has been amended to be more indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

In the Office Action at page 2, item 2, the disclosure is objected to because the applicant refers to the reference number 22c as the “microphone detection means.” Accordingly, the specification has been amended to correct this error.

In the Office Action at page 2, item 3, claims 17 and 23 are objected to due to various informalities. Accordingly, claims 17 and 23 have been amended to correct these informalities.

In the Office Action at page 2, item 4, claims 9, 10, 13, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims have been amended to overcome the applied indefiniteness rejections, to place all elements in non-means-plus-function format, and to improve the clarity of the claims. Also, method claims have been amended to place all recited steps in positive gerund format. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 9, 10, 13, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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